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the charge that hasty and imperfect preparation is more common than it should be.

The lawyer's part in the public life of the country is treated at length, and the tendency to forget all else but fidelity to the client strongly deprecated. We cannot agree with Mr. DosPassos in his idea that the problems confronting a lawyer are less dignified than his problems of bygone days, or that they make less demand on the highest form of intellectual activity. The business he has lost to title companies and similar institutions has been largely of a routine kind, while the modern questions confronting the lawyer involve matters of the most serious public and national interest.

Considerable space is devoted to a somewhat heated denunciation of the code system of procedure. The threadbare character of this subject might, we believe, have justified its omission.

The book is an earnest plea for the establishment of higher ideals among the members of the bar, and our principal criticism of it is that it contains much trite matter.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE ACTS INDEXED AND DIGESTED. By CHARLES S. HAMLIN, Corporation Counsel of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Pp. 480. Boston: Little, Brown & Company, 1907.

The original Interstate Commerce Act has been so frequently amended and is so closely related to other supplemental Acts, that the task of determining with certainty the exact provisions of the statutes on any subject such as the regulation of railroad rates or the furnishing of facilities by common carriers engaged in Interstate Commerce is exceedingly difficult. Mr. Hamlin's book will expedite the work of those who are confronted with these questions. It includes the text not only of the Interstate Commerce Act but also of the Elkins, Sherman and Wilson Acts, the Safety Appliances and kindred Acts, the Employer's Liability Act and the various laws relating to procedure under these statutes. The official text of each Act is given in full and is followed by a series of careful reference indexes giving the exact line in the text at which any particular word or phrase occurs. This feature is exceedingly valuable. If the index had been prepared rather more on the line of a legal digest of important subjects it would have added to its usefulness. It is now strictly an index of words and phrases.

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